

ABSTRACT

A system and method are described for configuring and collecting performance counter information of a computer system. The method includes providing one or more performance objects, each object containing a predetermined set of events. A user is  
5 allowed to select the entire set or a subset of events to be monitored during a collection session from the predetermined set of events contained in the performance objects. The performance counters associated with the subset of events selected are programmed to increment in response to an occurrence of a respective event. The data stored in each of the performance counters associated with the subset of events selected is periodically read  
10 during the collection session.

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